

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I have witnessed a decline in the quality and quantity of real news coverage and multiple viewpoints which has been directly correlated to the consolidation of media ownership. True we may now have hundreds if not thousands more sources of news and information, but this is misleading as the huge majority of these outlets and sources are controlled by a very few economic interests.

Not only do I oppose loosening ownership rules but I believe that current rules need to be rewritten and current media goliaths need to be broken up. In addition TV and Radio and Cable and Satellite systems must have stringent requirements of having 10-20 % of channels or bandwidth left open to public access and non commercial applications.

The USA was not founded to be a neo-liberal marketplace but a rational and just democracy for people. We are a nation of people not a nation reduced to merely a market.